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List of Officers.

TOWN CLERK,

Otis F. Brown.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,

Isaac F. Knowlton, Daniel D. Stone,
William A. Brown.

TREASURER,

Daniel E. Safford.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

George K. Knowlton, Arthur W. Chandler,
Albert L. Whipple.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

Ephraim A. Dane.

CONSTABLES,

Sylvester Dane, George Roberts,
Charles E. Whipple, George M. Adams,
George T. Litchfield, Frank Jones.

AUDITOR,

Andrew Haraden.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1896,	$2,771 27	
" Loan in anticipation of taxes,	5,000 00	
" received from State of Massachusetts for corporation tax,	2,362 31	
" National Bank tax,	505 94	
" State aid re-imbursed,	187 50	
" on account of Cattle Commission,	10 50	
" from Massachusetts school fund,	262 58	
" sale of Centennial Reports,	4 80	
" Clerk of First District Court, fines less fees,	85 75	
" of County of Essex from Dog licenses,	87 93	
" received of Town Clerk for sale of burial lots,	60 00	
" received of Collector of taxes,	10,918 32	
" income of hay scales West district,	4 92	
" income of hay scales Centre district,	5 10	
		$22,266 92

EXPENSES.

School warrants.	$3,803 79	
Library "	266 20	
Interest on loan.	113 02	
Officers fees District Court,	3 68	
Amount of Town orders,	7,670 76	
County tax.	982 97	
State tax,	752 50	
Town note.	5,000 00	
State aid,	244 00	
		$18,836 92

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

EXPENSE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

School warrant, No. 1,	$264 77	
" " " 2,	832 86	
" " " 3,	513 10	
" " " 4,	30 91	
" " " 5,	372 40	
" " " 6,	364 05	
" " " 7,	208 00	
" " " 8,	377 73	
" " " 9,	363 14	
" " " 10,	476 83	
		$3,803 79

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

CLARENCE P. ROBERTS, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Paid Clarence P. Roberts,	$449	00
William Tuttle,	111	20
Joseph Jeddrie,	24	80
Oscar F. Whipple,	32	60
Charles O. Putnam,	23	40
George R. Dodge,	38	00
John H. Whipple,	64	20
Otis F. Brown,	59	52
Charles S. Gwinn,	61	00
George Brown,	18	20
Sylvester Dane,	56	00
Est. of Alvin C. Tuttle,	18	40
Isaac F. Knowlton,	50	20
Joseph Knowlton,	48	02
Charles E. Whipple,	21	00
George B. Knowlton,	94	00
Jonathan Lamson,	53	30
Edward R. Stone,	2	90
Milton S. Gwinn,	25	00
John Lovett,	8	00
Roy Dodge,	3	00
Albert Dodge,	28	60
Charles Day,	3	60
Alvin Smith,	29	20
William A. Smith,	24	20
John B. Stone,	30	00
Almon Bridges,	22	60
William Cannon,	2	44
Michael Ganley,	1	80
George H. Gibney,	49	30
Amount carried forward,	$1,453	48

Amount brought forward,	$1,453 48	
Paid A. D. Wallace,	36 40	
Charles Rogers,	60	
George M. Adams,	63 60	
Emerson A. Whipple,	23 20	
John L. Woodbury,	3 20	
John E. Knowlton,	21 00	
Edward Wright,	21 60	
Israel Norwood,	2 72	
Henry Carey,	16 20	
George T. Haynes,	12 00	
		$1,654 00

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Paid John R. Sargent, board Alvin Jowder,	$2 88
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of David H. Jowder,	137 45
A. D. Wallace, wood and house rent Eaton family,	57 75
Emerson A. Whipple, care of tramps 1895,	75 00
C. A. Hobbs, board of Edward Trussell,	182 00
Mrs. John Dane, jr., balance due board of Alvin Jowder,	35 09
F. E. Miller, supplies furnished Jowder,	3 00
F. E. Miller, supplies furnished Eaton family,	1 75
F. E. Miller, supplies furnished Edward Trussell,	3 75
Amount carried forward,	$498 67

Amount brought forward,	$498 67	
Paid F. E. Miller, supplies furnished Trussel and Porter children,	16 85	
City of Beverly, care of Mrs. Sarah A. Ingalls,	74 14	
City of Newburyport, care of Walter Porter family,	107 25	
Mrs. Annie C. Lawrence, care of Walter Porter children,	15 00	
Caleb W. Dodge, care of Walter Porter children,	48 00	
Town of Groveland, care of Joseph Bridges,	7 00	
F. C. Norton, supplies to Eaton family,	75 80	
City of Haverhill, care Joseph Bridges family,	13 17	
S. E. Thayer, medical aid Trussell and Porter children,	2 50	
City of Salem, Hospital charges for Ellen Brewer,	38 52	
Emerson A. Whipple, part pay care tramps 1896,	20 20	
Daniel D. Stone, five journeys to Newburyport and expenses,	15 00	
on acct. of Porter children,	~~51 00~~	
Daniel D. Stone, three journeys to Salem account of paupers,	5 00	
Daniel D. Stone, paid for clothing Eaton family,	14 00	
Daniel D. Stone, stockings for Porter children,	1 00	
Daniel D. Stone, supplies to Eaton family,	24 00	
Sarah B. Dodge,	84 00	
		$1,060 10

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid	William Goodhue,	$ 5 80
	M. J. Channell,	2 90
	Emerson A. Whipple,	18 60
	C. F. Kinsman,	15 50
	Charles Ingalls,	13 80
	Otis Ingalls,	10 00
	Lyman Poor,	5 80
	Nelson Butler,	7 60
	Ira F. Trask,	10 00
	Joseph Tucker,	4 60
	Ernest Woodman,	2 00
	George S. Whipple,	19 20
	Francis Dane,	5 00
	James W. Morgan,	23 30
	Mrs. John H. Knowlton,	3 60
	Francis W. Brown,	60
	C. S. Knowlton,	2 80
	Albert E. Pitman,	7 00
	Samuel Doty,	14 70
	Newell Burnham,	9 00
	Paul Eams,	3 30
	E. F. Knowlton,	1 40
	J. C. Fowler,	7 20
	G. Webber,	3 00
	H. M. Dodge,	3 00
	George E. Day,	4 40
	George Dodge,	1 80
	Arthur Dorsett,	1 90
	Charles E. Whipple,	18 65
	Isaac F. Knowlton,	64 40
	Lake Southwick,	4 50
	A. B. Richardson,	9 60
	Amount carried forward,	$324 95

	Amount brought forward,	$324 95
Paid	Robert Wilson,	11 60
	Alvin Smith,	21 00
	R. F. Means,	5 80
	Eastman Abbott,	9 30
	Charles Abbott,	8 00
	F. C. Back,	7 70
	Alfred L. Pool,	1 20
	Israel Norwood,	2 44
	Mrs. C. A. Dane,	1 80
	James H. Woodman,	6 10
	Joseph E. Merchant,	1 00
	George H. Gibney,	115 20
	Charles H. Smith,	14 40
	Samuel Ayers,	18 80
	Francis Marshall,	7 30
	George B. Knowlton,	11 40
	Joseph Knowlton,	13 20
	John H. Knowlton,	3 60
	Arthur E. Whipple,	1 90
	J. Arthur Town,	13 50
	Henry Cary,	21 40
	Jonathan Lamson,	25 00
	John E. Knowlton,	18 40
	Joseph Jeddre,	4 40
	Clarence P. Roberts,	28 30
	Otis F. Brown,	6 00
	George H. Haraden,	2 50
	Charles Dixon,	12 40
	Richard Bridges,	2 40
	William Tuttle,	9 20
	Roy W. Whipple,	1 80
	Oscar F. Whipple,	9 30
	Amount carried forward,	$741 29

	Amount brought forward,	$741 29
Paid	Archie Moore,	3 00
	George E. Roberts,	14 40
	A. C. Dane,	4 00
	Emery Lawrence,	3 20
	Charles S. Gwinn,	24 80
	Albert A. Dunnels,	1 00
	C. A. Appleton,	15 20
	Luther F. Dane,	2 70
	H. R. Fillebrown,	9 00
	Ephraim A. Patch,	4 10
	Sylvester Dane,	15 00
	Frank M. Whipple,	16 10
	Franklin Knowlton,	8 00
	Joseph Goss,	3 60
	Edward R. Stone,	6 60
	Linwood S. Grant,	6 34
	A. S. Abbott,	6 00
	Henry A. Cary,	4 00
	W. S. Back,	4 00
	Samuel Hollingshead,	1 00
	J. E. Cowen,	3 80
	W. C. Rodgers,	3 20
	S. A. Gwinn,	17 60
	E. S. Cook,	8 00
	James Hart,	16 00
	George P. Lovett,	5 20
	E. D. Lovett,	2 60
	A. B. Chadwick,	10 20
	Fred Carroll,	6 40
	Leary S. Dodge,	8 00
	William H. Dodge,	7 00
	C. W. Dodge,	9 80
	Amount carried forward,	$991 13

Amount brought forward,	$991 13	
Paid Benjamin E. Dodge,	3 40	
I. A. Lamson,	4 50	
Albert W. Dodge,	5 90	
Charles A. Hobbs,	12 00	
Arthur Southwick,	3 40	
A. D. Wallace,	26 10	
Gideon Moore,	6 00	
C. A. Hills,	2 00	
Fred P. Killam,	4 00	
George Brown,	18 40	
E. A. Dane,	2 00	
George M. Adams,	65 40	
W. C. Wallace,	5 30	
S. G. Goodhue,	6 00	
Foster Tappan,	7 60	
John Cammeron,	6 60	
E. C. Cook,	80	
Frank Durkey,	1 40	
Nelson Butler,	8 60	
Charles Rodgers,	1 80	
Robert S. Gwinn,	1 00	
Milton S. Gwinn,	2 00	
		$1,192 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Barry & Lufkin, printing reports, etc.,	$58 60	
W. R. Warren & Co., stationery,	11 73	
George B. Knowlton, watching fire at A. L. Devens,	2 00	
Amount carried forward,	$72 33	

	Amount brought forward,	$72 33
Paid	George E. Roberts, posting town meeting warrants,	2 50
	Isaac A. Lamson, election officer 1895,	2 50
	John L. Woodbury, memorial appropriation,	20 00
	Edwin B. Balcomb, architect, school house,	40 00
	A. A. Fisk, insurance on Hook and Ladder house,	10 00
	Charles E. Whipple, services as fire warden,	63 15
	George T. Litchfield, care of clock,	20 00
	F. C. Norton, use of team for G. T. Litchfield,	3 00
	Lester E. Libby, pails for Hook and Ladder Co.,	1 50
	George H. Gibney, removing rubbish,	2 00
	George Litchfield, pair of hand-cuffs,	4 31
	Congregational parish, rent of Selectmen's room,	50 00
	E. C. Tibbetts, labor in cemetery,	29 40
	Horace A. Brooks, two record books,	9 50
	Alexander Hamilton Co., room for registration,	2 00
	A. F. Pool, painting guide boards,	11 25
	E. C. Tibbetts, return of deaths,	1 80
	Amount carried forward,	$345 24

	Amount brought forward,	$345 24
Paid	S. E. Thayer, return of births,	7 00
	John L. Woodbury, labor on clock and guide boards,	5 35
	Bessie R. Brown, copying records,	10 00
	Otis F. Brown, return of dog licenses,	2 00
	Otis F. Brown, return of representative vote,	2 00
	Otis F. Brown, recording births,	15 00
	" " " " marriages,	1 68
	Otis F. Brown, recording deaths,	3 30
	" " " express and postage,	3 25
	Otis F. Brown, administering oaths,	75
	Daniel E. Safford, postage,	1 56
	Sylvester Dane, serving dog warrants,	10 00
	William D. Chandler, care of selectmen's room,	5 00
	E. A. Dane, printing tax bills,	4 00
	William A. Brown, preparing voting booths,	2 50
	William A. Brown, perambulating line Manchester and H.	3 00
	William A. Brown, perambulating line Wenham and Hamilton,	3 00
	William A. Brown, perambulating line Essex and Hamilton,	3 00
	Amount carried forward,	$427 63

	Amount brought forward,	$427 63	
Paid	William A. Brown, laying new lots in cemetery,	4 00	
	William A. Brown, setting stones on Ipswich and H. line,	3 00	
	William A. Brown, journey to Boston on Ipswich and Hamilton line,	3 00	
	Isaac F. Knowlton, committee on Park and Arlington sts.,	3 00	
	Isaac F. Knowlton, committee on town lines,	9 00	
	Isaac F. Knowlton, teaming boundary stone, Essex and H. line,	2 50	
	Daniel D. Stone, committee on Park and Arlington sts.	3 00	
	Daniel D. Stone, on town line, Ipswich and Hamilton,	3 00	
	Daniel D. Stone, journey to Boston on Ipswich and H. line,	3 00	
	Daniel D. Stone, perambulating line Essex and Hamilton,	3 00	
	Daniel D. Stone, perambulating Manchester and Hamilton,	3 00	
	Daniel D. Stone, perambulating Wenham and Hamilton,	3 00	
	Daniel D. Stone, preparing voting booths,	2 50	
	Daniel D. Stone, postage and express,	12 25	
	Alvin S. Perley, watching fire at Asbury Grove,	4 00	
	E. A. Wright, services as election officer,	2 50	
			$491 38

SPECIAL EXPENSES ON WILLOW STREET.

Paid Isaac F. Knowlton, services on committee,	$20 00	
Daniel D. Stone, services on committe,	20 00	
William A. Brown, services on committee and drawing plans,	23 00	
Fred A. Nason, services on committee,	17 00	
Daniel C. Smith, services on committee,	14 00	
A. A. Fiske, taking account of teams and two journeys to Boston,	11 00	
B. W. Adams, taking account of teams and two journeys to Boston,	11 00	
George H. Gibney, preparing dinner at County Commissioners hearing,	5 00	
F. L. Evans, services as counsel,	350 00	
" " court expenses and summoning witnesses,	81 70	
		$552 70

SALARIES AND FEES.

Paid Annie E. Woodbury, services as Librarian, 1895,	$50 00	
Mabel Jewett, services as Librarian, 1895,	10 00	
George T. Litchfield, services as constable,	11 96	
Amount carried forward,	$71 96	

Amount brought forward,	$71 96
Paid George E. Roberts, services as constable,	19 50
Charles E. Whipple, services as constable,	26 50
Sylvester Dane, services as constable,	6 50
Frank H. Jones, services as constable,	10 00
George E. F. Dane, services as cattle inspector,	35 30
George E. Safford, services as election officer,	2 50
Otis F. Brown, services as town clerk,	25 00
Otis F. Brown, registrar of voters,	8 00
Daniel E. Safford, services as treasurer,	50 00
George K. Knowlton, services as school committee,	50 00
Arthur W. Chandler, services as school committee,	35 00
Albert L. Whipple, services as school committee,	35 00
E. A. Dane, services as tax collector,	163 77
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as selectman,	50 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as assessor,	50 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
Amount carried forward,	$654 03

Amount brought forward,	$654 03	
Paid Isaac F. Knowlton, services as board of health,	5 00	
Isaac F. Knowlton, services as registrar of voters,	8 00	
Daniel D. Stone, services as selectman,	50 00	
Daniel D. Stone, services as assessor,	50 00	
Daniel D. Stone, services as overseer of the poor,	15 00	
Daniel D. Stone, services as board of health,	5 00	
Daniel D. Stone, services as registrar of voters,	8 00	
William A. Brown, services as selectman,	50 00	
William A. Brown, services as assessor,	50 00	
William A. Brown, services as overseer of poor,	15 00	
William A. Brown, services as registrar of voters,	8 00	
Andrew Haraden, services as auditor,	5 00	
		$923 03

EXTRA APPROPRIATION.

Paid C. P. Roberts, labor on Park and Arlington sts.,	$ 27 00
Charles E. Whipple, labor on Park and Arlington sts.,	157 23
Amount carried forward,	$184 23

Amount brought forward,	$184 23	
Paid William Tuttle, labor on Park and Arlington sts.,	9 00	
Joseph Jeddre, labor on Park and Arlington sts.,	9 00	
George H. Gibney, labor on Park and Arlington sts.,	135 00	
Oscar F. Whipple, labor on Park and Arlington sts.,	10 00	
Enoch F. Knowlton, labor on Park and Arlington sts.,	10 00	
William A. Brown, committee on Park and Arlington sts.,	8 50	
A. S. Jackson, hook and ladder truck,	550 00	
Fred A. Nason, building hook and ladder house,	400 00	
S. E. McLaughlin, labor on hook and ladder house,	3 50	
George M. Adams, committee on hook and ladder house,	29 00	
Lester E. Libbey, committee on hook and ladder house,	10 00	
Daniel C. Smith, committee on hook and ladder house,	10 00	
F. E. Horn, painting doors hook and ladder house,	2 00	
George H. Gibney, grading at hook and ladder house,	5 00	
Daniel C. Smith, painting hook and ladder house,	25 00	
		$1,400 23

LIQUOR COMMITTEE.

Paid Sylvester Dane, services on liquor committee,	$80 00	
Frank H. Jones, services on liquor committee,	58 00	
C. A. Peterson, services on liquor committee,	44 00	
Forest L. Evans, services as council committee,	25 00	
		$207 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid George M. Adams, labor on bridge near C. J. Norwood's,	$41 00	
W. F. Redlon, lumber and drain pipe,	31 35	
W. F. Redlon, nails and lumber on Willowdale bridge,	41 67	
		$114 02

ABATEMENTS.

Fred G. Sawyer, poll tax,	$2 00
George E. Abbott, poll tax,	2 00
Alexander Hoine, poll tax,	2 00
Arthur Beal, poll tax,	2 00
Est. of John H. Knowlton, poll tax,	2 00
Joseph F. Killam, poll tax,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	$12 00

Amount brought forward,	$12 00	
Arthur Lougee, poll tax,	2 00	
Nirum Neal,	2 00	
George N. Porter, poll tax,	2 00	
George A. Robinson, poll tax,	2 00	
John R. Smith, poll tax,	2 00	
Peter Winslow, poll tax,	2 00	
William Colesworthy, poll tax,	2 00	
Elliott Lamson, poll tax,	2 00	
Sheldon, Eames & Co., personal,	32 00	
John W. Carter, real estate,	30	
Thomas McCaffrey, real estate,	4 50	
Isaac A. Lamson, real estate,	1 80	
Est. Mary A. Dane, personal,	9 00	
James E. Dodge, personal,	30	
		75 90

RECAPITULATION.

Paid School warrants,	$3,803 79
Library "	266 20
Interest on loan,	113 02
Officers' fees—District Court,	3 68
Amount Town Orders,	7,670 76
County Tax,	982 97
State Tax,	752 50
Town Note,	5,000 00
State Aid,	244 00
Highway department,	1,654 00
Poor department,	1,060 10
Removing snow,	1,192 4
Miscellaneous,	491 38
Salaries and fees,	923 03
Amount carried forward,	$24,157 83

	Amount brought forward,	$24,157 83	
Paid	Extra appropriation,	1,400 23	
	Roads and bridges,	114 02	
	Special expenses on Willow st.,	552 70	
	Liquor committee,	207 00	
	Abatements,	75 90	
			$26,507 68
Orders drawn and paid during year,			$7,670 76
Treasurer's receipts,		$22,266 92	
Treasurer's expenses,		18,836 92	
Balance in favor of town,			$3,430 00
Balance in favor of town, 1896,			2,771 27
Increase in 1897,			658 73

The foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer have this day been examined by me and all accounts found correct and vouched for.

ANDREW HARADEN, *Auditor.*

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,
DANIEL D. STONE,
WILLIAM A. BROWN,
Selectmen of Hamilton.

Hamilton, Feb. 23, 1897.

Report of Town Clerk for 1896.

Received and paid the Town Treasurer for the sale of burial lots,	$60 00
Received for dog licenses to December 1, 1896, and paid the County Treasurer,	103 80

Recorded 30 births.
" 11 marriages.
" 15 deaths.

OTIS F. BROWN, *Town Clerk.*

List of Jurors,

AS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 22, 1897.

Fred Berry,
Alvin Smith,
C. Jerome Norwood,
Austin A. Whipple,
Charles E. Whipple,
William A. Brown,
Caleb W. Dodge,
Albert W. Dodge,
George E. Roberts,
George H. Gibney,
Isaac F. Knowlton,
Arthur W. Chandler,
Abram A. Fisk.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Vestry in said Town on Tuesday the ninth day of March, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:—

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

Art. 4. Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Hamilton for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the year ensuing.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Fifty Dollars ($50.) for the purpose of observing Decoration Day by the soldiers of the late Rebellion.

Art. 6. To see what action the Town will take in providing a building suitable for transacting all Town business. Also in connection a room suitable for a high grade Grammar School and to appropriate money for the same. Said building to be located between the Congregational church

and the Center School house, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Dane and others.

Art. 7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to lighting the main street between Wenham line and Ipswich line and appropriate money for same, as petitioned for by Francis Dane and others.

Art. 8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing the sidewalks between Wenham and Ipswich line and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Francis Dane and others.

Art. 9. To see what action the Town will take in regard to securing better school accommodation and building a new School House in the South District, as petitioned for by Walter E. Tuck and others, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 10. To see what action the Town will take in regard to building and grading a sidewalk on Railroad ave. from Main street to the School House and from Railroad ave. to Asbury street on Willow street, and appropriate money for the same as petitioned for by Daniel C. Smith, and others.

Art. 11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to finishing and furnishing the Hook and Ladder House, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by S. E. McLauflin and others.

Art. 12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to building a sidewalk on Walnut street and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Lewis H. Bradstreete and others.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 14. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the year ensuing.

Art. 15. To appropriate money for the repairs of highways, townways and bridges, and determine the manner of expending the same.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use agreeable to Chapter 18, Sec. 73 of the Public Statutes.

Art. 17. To determine at what time Tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as proposed and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 19. To act on any other matter that may come legally before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant posting attested copies thereof, one at the meeting house, and one at some other public place in said town seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty-third day of February, 1897, A. D.

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,
DANIEL D. STONE,
WILLIAM A. BROWN, } *Selectmen of Hamilton.*

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OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON.

1896-7.

SALEM, MASS.
PRESS OF BARRY & LUFKIN.
1897.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Geo. K. Knowlton, Chairman, . .	term expires	1898
Dr. Albert L. Whipple, Secretary, .	" "	1899
Arthur W. Chandler, . . .	" "	1897

Purchasing Agent, Dr. A. L. Whipple.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Louis H. Bradstreet, Charles E. Whipple.

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Your committee present the following report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(Closed Feb. 19, 1897.)

Amount appropriated by the town for schools,	$2,500 00	
Text books and school supplies,	400 00	
Small repairs and miscellaneous,	175 00	
Incidentals for school rooms,	25 00	
		$3,100 00
Dog licenses,		87 93
Amount for public schools exclusive of Mass. school fund,		$3,187 93

Paid for teachers,	$1,806 00	
fuel,	149 85	
care of houses,	142 25	
text books and school supplies,	495 87	
small repairs and miscellaneous,	362 56	
incidentals for school rooms,	23 75	
		$2,980 28

ACCOUNT MASS. SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of Mass. school fund,	$262 58	
Balance from 1895-6,	159 42	
		$422 00
Paid teachers,		413 50
Amount unexpended and carried over to 1897-8,		$8 50

PAID TEACHERS.

Miss Carrie G. Hill,	$ 27 00	
Miss Hattie S. Tarr,	114 00	
Miss Grace M. Chadbourne,	127 00	
Miss Edith M. Arnold,	117 00	
Miss Maidee P. Polleys,	117 00	
Miss Helen N. Galloupe,	108 00	
Miss Josephine Brown,	18 00	
Miss Adelaide A. Keith,	407 00	
Miss Lizzie E. Hadley,	241 50	
Miss Jessie M. Doty,	316 00	
Miss Addie M. Gove,	280 00	
Miss Harriet M. Cutler,	203 00	
Mrs. Ella E. Day,	81 00	
Miss Bessie H. Andrews,	54 00	
Miss Beatrice B. McGlauflin,	9 00	
		$2,219 50

PAID FOR FUEL.

W. F. Redlon, coal,	$17 25	
John C. Sauer, "	18 00	
J. C. Underhill & Son, coal,	18 00	
J. P. Lovering, wood,	20 60	
Alvin Smith, "	10 00	
W. A. Brown, "	22 00	
Jonathan Lamson, "	22 00	
Isaac F. Knowlton, "	22 00	
		$149 85

PAID FOR CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

B. W. Adams, South school,	$77 25	
Charles Hazlet, " "	1 00	
Jonathan Lamson, West school,	16 00	
E. A. Day, East school,	16 00	
Frank Woodbury, Centre school,	7 00	
Leonard Fisher, " "	9 00	
Eddie McGregor, North school,	11 50	
Joseph Pitman, " "	4 50	
		$142 25

PAID FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co.,	$289 62	
E. W. Babb & Co.,	81 59	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing,	38 51	
Werner School Book Co.,	16 92	
Ginn & Co.,	22 50	
Horace A. Brooks,	13 75	
John E. Potter & Co.,	12 00	
Thorp & Martin Co.,	8 49	
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	7 20	
J. L. Hammett,	4 58	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	71	
		$495 87

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alden Southworth, 2 book cases,	$15 85
Frank E. Burnham, mason work,	1 60
Barry & Lufkin, merchandise and printing,	18 75
J. C. Daniels, painting flag poles,	10 00
Ivory Quimby, water supply, East school,	35 00
Arthur Whipple, sanitary and other labor,	20 75
James F. Dean, 2 coal stoves, Centre and South schools and repairs,	79 59
C. A. Peterson, stock and labor,	7 23
J. F. Porter, " " "	12 50
B. W. Adams, sanitary and repairs,	16 25
O. F. Whipple, labor on school yards,	1 50
Roy W. Whipple, sawing wood, Centre school,	1 00
W. B. Badger & Co., desk and chairs,	10 40
A. C. Lunt, chairs,	14 15
Gideon Marshman, key,	25
American Express Co., expressage,	7 45
Proctor's Express, expressage,	1 50
Elmer E. Clark, carriage,	2 75
E. A. Wright, carriage,	4 25
Cummings & Smerage, carriage and expressage,	4 40
B. & M. Railroad, freight,	26
B. F. Hill, hardware,	60
J. Augustus Smith, repairing clocks,	2 10
Irving W. Wheeler, flags,	16 15
Lucy Channel, cleaning school rooms,	9 00
E. A. Day, " " "	2 50
Amount carried forward,	$296 78

Amount brought forward,	$296 78	
Mrs. James Hart, cleaning school rooms,	1 25	
Fifield & Page, school-room supplies, bill 1894,	4 90	
Fifield & Page, school-room supplies, bill 1896,	45	
Lewis H. Bradstreet, services as truant officer,	3 50	
George K. Knowlton, extra expense on account of teachers,	11 00	
George K. Knowlton, repairs and cash paid for incidentals,	18 03	
George K. Knowlton, two visits to State Inspector's office,	5 00	
George K. Knowlton, school census,	5 00	
Albert L. Whipple, purchasing agent,	10 00	
Arthur W. Chandler, expense on account of teacher and express,	7 65	
		$362 56

INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOL ROOMS.

Lester E. Libby, oil, brushes, etc.,	$ 5 44	
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, mats,	5 00	
F. C. Norton, brushes, brooms, pails, etc.,	10 69	
Batchelder & Gould,	2 62	
		$23 75

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated for tuition High school pupils,	$410 00

Paid city of Salem,	$250 00	
" " " Beverly,	135 00	
" Trustees Manning High school, Ipswich,	25 00	
		$410 00

SUMMARY.

GROSS RECEIPTS FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation for schools,	$3,100 00	
" " tuition high school scholars,	410 00	
Dog licenses,	87 93	
Mass. school fund,	262 58	
Balance school fund 1895-6,	159 42	
		$4,019 93

GROSS EXPENDITURES FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Paid for teachers,	$2,219 50	
Fuel,	149 85	
Care of houses,	142 25	
School supplies,	495 87	
Miscellaneous,	362 56	
Incidentals for school rooms,	23 75	
Tuition of High school scholars,	410 00	$3,803 78
Balance unexpended,		216 15
		$4,019 93

PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL.

BEVERLY.

Mollie Smith,	entered September,	1894.
Florence M. Blake,	" "	1894.
Catherine T. Robinson,	" "	1895.
Albert L. Smith,	" "	1895.

Edith M. Gibson,	entered February, 1896.
Alice McGlauflin,	" September, 1896.
Percy Dodge,	" " 1896.
Samuel Robinson,	" " 1896,
(came out after one term.)	

IPSWICH.

Mabelle C. Barker, entered September, 1895.

SALEM.

Scholars entered by permission of School Committee, 1894-5.

Bertha M. Dodge, Martha Robinson,
Ethel L. Dane, Roy W. Whipple,
Helen E. Woodbury, entered September, 1896.

ESTIMATE FOR SCHOOLS.

The comittee present the following estimate of the amount of money which should be appropriated by the town to carry on the public schools for the year 1897-8. In making this estimate the committee has provided for an additional school at South Hamilton which should be established as early as the opening of the next school year in the fall.

Amount for payment of teachers, janitors and fuel,	$3,000 00	
Text books and school supplies,	600 00	
Small repairs and miscellaneous,	400 00	
		$4,000 00

FOR HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Beverly,	225 00	
Ipswich,	25 00	
Salem,	230 00	
		480 00
Amount for all school purposes,		$4,480 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

From April 6, 1896, to February 19, 1897, 35 weeks.
Length of term is given to March 12, 1897, 38 weeks.

SOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Adelaide A. Keith.
" " Hattie S. Tarr, assistant, spring term.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month,	$44 00	$44 00	$48 00
Wages of assistant per month,	36 00		
Length of term in months,	2 1-2	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	41	41	41
Average membership,	39	37	38
Average attendance,	36	34	34
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	3	1	2
No. between 8 and 14 years of age,	38	40	39

SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Grace M. Chadbourne, spring term.
" " Lizzie E. Hadley, fall and winter term.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month,	$40 00	$42 00	$42 00
Length of term in months,	2 1-2	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	45	54	50
Average membership,	40	44	43
Average attendance,	37	41	39
No. of pupils between 8 and 14 years of age,	12	20	19
No. under 8 years of age,	33	34	31

EAST SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Edith M. Arnold, spring term.
" " Helen N. Galloupe, fall term.
" Mrs. Ella E. Day, winter term.
" Miss Beatrice B. McGlauflin, substitute, one week, winter term.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month,	$36 00	$36 00	$36 00
Length of term in months,	2 1-2	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	33	31	31
Average membership,	26	27	23
Average attendance,	22	24	19
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	2	0	0
No. between 8 and 14 years of age,	24	27	27
No. under 8 years of age,	7	4	4

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Maidee P. Polleys, spring term.
" " Harriet M. Cutler, fall and winter.
" " Bessie H. Andrews, substitute, one week, fall term.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teachers per month,	$36 00	$38 00	$40 00
Wages of substitute,		36 00	
Length of term in months,	2 1-2	2 3-4	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	31	32	32
Average membership,	30	30	32
Average attendance,	27	28	24
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	1	1	0
No. between 8 and 14 years of age,	18	20	21
No. under 8 years of age,	12	11	11

NORTH SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Jessie M. Doty.
" " Bessie H. Andrews, substitute, five weeks, winter term.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month,	$40 00	$42 00	$42 00
Wages of substitute per month,			36 00
Length of term in months,	2 1-2	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	23	24	29
Average membership,	22	23	21
Average attendance,	20	21	18
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	0	0	0
No. between 8 and 14 years of age,	16	15	18
No. under 8 years of age,	7	9	11

WEST SCHOOL.

Teacher, Miss Addie M. Gove.
" " Josephine Brown, substitute, two weeks, fall term.

	Spring term.	Fall term.	Winter term.
Wages of teacher per month,	$36 00	$38 00	$38 00
Wages of substitute per month,		36 00	
Length of term in months,	2 1-2	3	3 1-2
Whole number of pupils,	30	25	23
Average membership,	24	21	21
Average attendance,	21	19	17
No. of pupils over 15 years of age,	2	0	0
No. between 8 and 14 years of age,	17	13	15
No. under 8 years of age,	11	12	8

SCHOOL CENSUS, MAY 1, 1896.

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15,	209

The spring term of school opened with only one change of teachers. In the West school Miss Carrie G. Hill resigned, and Miss Addie M. Gove, a teacher of nine years experience, was engaged to fill the position. The term was ten weeks to June 12, closing the school year. The teachers were instructed to use the closing day as a general visiting day for parents and others if they so desired. The earlier part of the week was used by the committee in looking over the work of the several schools.

The schools were visited in the following order:

East school, Tuesday A. M., June 9. Teacher, Miss Edith M. Arnold. Scholars present, 25. The progress made in this school was not satisfactory to the committee. Very few of the recitations were more than fair. The eighth grade in arithmetic, and the sixth and seventh grades in geography were quite good. In reading and history a poor showing was made. In the early part of the year the school gave promise of doing fairly well, but later the scholars gradually drifted into a spirit of carelessness and inattention to their studies which produced the inevitable result of failure.

At the opening of the school year a change of teachers was made. Miss Helen N. Galloupe, a teacher of much experience, was placed in charge, with special instructions to bring the school up in its discipline. This she did in a large measure, but found the work so hard that she resigned at the close of the term.

For the winter term Miss Sophia S. Hammond, a teacher of exceptional qualifications in matters of discipline, was engaged. Unfortunately she was taken seriously ill after teaching three days and was obliged to give up the school. Her name does not appear in the list of teachers, as she did not teach a full week and no salary was paid. Another teacher was engaged as soon as possible and the winter term practically opened Tuesday morning, Dec. 8, under the

management of Mrs. Ella E. Day. Mrs. Day seemed to be well qualified for the position, having an experience of eight or ten years in ungraded schools. She entered her work with a method and enthusiasm which foretold success. She has been absent one week an account of sickness, but the school was continued under a substitute, Miss Beatrice B. McGlauflin, a resident teacher and a recent graduate of the Salem Normal School. Miss McGlauflin gives promise of making a successful teacher. Mrs. Day has her school in fine condition, and good results are expected.

Primary school, Tuesday P. M. Teacher, Miss Grace M. Chadbourne. Scholars present, 36. Very satisfactory progress was made in this school. The following recitations were excellent: reading, grades one and two; mental arithmetic and spelling, grade three. The school is now in charge of Miss Lizzie E. Hadley, who has had nearly ten years experience in primary work. She succeeded Miss Chadbourne, who resigned her position after the close of the spring term, to accept a school in Concord, of higher grade and at a larger salary. Miss Hadley is doing good work though she has a maximum number of scholars, and the committee expect a good showing of the school at its close in June.

Centre school, Wednesday A. M. Teacher, Miss Maidee P. Polleys. Scholars present, 26. The committee were pleased to find the number of scholars present just twice that of last year. While there is danger of having too many pupils in care of one teacher, there is also danger of having too few, so that both teacher and scholars have but little enthusiasm for their work. The school was in as good condition as could be expected with much absence of scholars, and gave evidence that the teacher had tried to do her work well. The seventh and eighth grades in arithmetic, and the seventh grade in geography and physiology gave fairly good recitations. But the school as a whole showed the bad effects

of absence, that bane of success which is too prevalent in all our schools.

The following example is taken from the register of this school and will serve as an illustration. In one term of seventy-five days five scholars between eight and fourteen years of age were absent from school the following number of days respectively: 29, 21, 16, 10½, 8½, — eighty-five days, seventeen precious school weeks never to return to these five scholars. And when at the opening of a school year the committee find it impossible to promote such scholars with any degree of propriety, think of parents discussing the pedagogic qualifications of the teachers!

Miss Polleys closed her work with the school, and Miss Harriet M. Cutler was employed for the opening term of the new school year. Miss Cutler came with every promise of being a good teacher, having had several years experience.

She entered upon her duties in a familiar way, and seemed to be perfectfully at home in the school-room. During the third week of the term she was taken sick and went to her home. Miss Bessie H. Andrew, a graduate of Salem high school, and who had obtained some experience as a teacher in the Beverly training school, was put in as substitute for one week. Miss Cutler then returned to her school which she has taught to the present time with good success.

North school, Wednesday P. M. Teacher, Miss Jessie M. Doty. Scholars present 20. This school closed with a record similar to that of several previous years.

Miss Doty has the rare faculty of keeping perfect order in her school without much apparent effort, and of keeping all the pupils busy. These are two important elements in the success of a school, and where they are attained good results are sure to follow. The recitations were all good, but the following especially so: Arithmetic, geography and history, sixth and eighth grades; reading, third and eighth grades.

Miss Doty was engaged for the next school year to begin August 31, with a provision that she might have leave of absence a few weeks at the Christmas vacation should she desire it. The provision was fulfilled and Miss Bessie H. Andrews was placed in charge of the school till Miss Doty's return Feb. 8, after five weeks of absence. Miss Andrews did her work faithfully and well, and was an efficient substitute teacher for one who had quite limited experience. The school is now making its usual progress under Miss Doty's care.

We miss one from this school who always greeted us with a smile. But the grim messenger spares not even the children, and when on a winter day he called for little Etta C. Dunnels, she had to close the book of her earthly life, bid good-bye to her schoolmates and go with him.

West school, Thursday A. M. Teacher Miss Addie M. Gove. Scholars present 22. Miss Carrie G. Hill decided to leave town at the close of the winter term for which she was engaged, and Miss Gove was selected to teach the spring term of school. Her eight or ten years' experience in teaching seemed to be of some value and it was thought that excellent work would be done. The closing exercises did not show as good results as were desirable. But the committee did not think it the fault of the teacher and were fully satisfied that every scholar who desired to learn had good opportunity to do so. Miss Gove was engaged for the opening term of the next school year. Being unable to take the school at its opening in August, Miss Josephine Brown was put in as a substitute for two weeks, since which time the school has been in charge of Miss Gove.

South grammar school, Thursday P. M. Teacher, Miss Adelaide A. Keith, assistant, Miss Hattie S. Tarr. Scholars present 35. This school has been very fortunate in having the services of an efficent teacher throughout the entire school year. The closing exercises gave evidence of a year of good

work. While all the recitations were highly commendable, a few were noted to be excellent. Of these were the seventh and ninth grades in geography, seventh and eighth grades history and arithmetic, and general recitations in physiology. The services of an assistant were dispensed with at the close of the spring term. Arrangement was made with Miss Keith to do the best she could in the new school year for which she was engaged. The committee was satisfied that fairly good progress could be made with the probable number of scholars that would attend the school, and they see no reason to expect disappointment. The committee is fully aware of the maximum number of scholars in both the grammar and primary schools, and has taken up the matter more fully in another place. The school is now making favorable progress under the supervision of Miss Keith.

The committee desire to call attention again to the rules in relation to sending scholars to the high school. These rules, which are believed to be in harmony with the high school law of 1894, were adopted by the present school board, and presented in the school report of last year. Under these rules it is necessary for our pupils to be thoroughly qualified for entrance to a high school, and to obtain a certificate of permission from the school committee before entrance. No pupil in our schools will be allowed to take an examination for the high school until such pupil shall be considered by the teacher and school committee to be qualified therefor.

The committee has to report the pressing necessity for additional school room at South Hamilton. This matter should not be longer delayed, and will be presented to the town for action at its next annual meeting. The committee having given this matter some attention during the past year would present the following facts and recommendations. Whatever the town may decide to do should be with a view to the future growth and development of the town, and

not simply to bridge over the present. The old time average population of eight hundred has passed away, and in the last decade we have increased to more than twelve hundred permanent residents. New houses are continually being erected and our population is steadily increasing. In just two years, May 1894 to May 1896, a whole school of thirty-eight scholars was added to our population. Of the 209 school children in town May 1, 1896, 86 were in the two schools at South Hamilton, and at the present time there are 91. This section of the town is rapidly increasing in population and suitable accommodations must be provided for all the school children.

In view of this the committee would recommend that a new school house of four rooms be erected. Such a house need not be expensive as compared with some city school houses, and could probably be built for eight thousand dollars. Three rooms would be used immediately on its completion, leaving only one room to spare for the increasing population in this section of the town, and, judging from the past, that one would be needed in less than five years. Whatever provision, if any, is made for additional school room should be completed by the first day of next September ready for the opening of the schools. The present South school house cannot be economically enlarged in any way to meet all requirements, and should the town decide to continue its use beyond the present school year, material changes will have to be made in compliance with state laws.

The school houses are all in fairly good condition, and, aside from the contingency of the South school no large expenditure of money will be needed the present year, except that one hundred and fifty dollars should be appropriated to reseat the Centre school house.

Quite an expense is created in connection with the flag. The law provides that it must be up during every session of the school in reasonably good weather, and yet it is fre-

quently the case that no flag is up because the rope is not in working order or the flag is badly torn, or from some other unavoidable cause. So annoying has this matter become generally that a suggestion has been made in the public press for the construction of a metallic flag which can be permanently fastened to the mast.

The South and Centre school houses have each been furnished with a new coal stove. It will be a valuable improvement to put coal stoves in all the other school houses.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
DR. ALBERT L. WHIPPLE,
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER, } *School Committee.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect in attendance for school year ending June 12, 1896.

South Grammar School — Gertrude Chandler, age 13; Rachel Hollingshead, 10; Nellie French, 14.

South Primary School — Ella Chandler, age 7; Lawrence Striley, 6.

East School — Harold F. Morgan, age 13; Frank P. Day, 9; Ernest S. Berry, 8.

Centre School — Frank Woodbury, age 12.

North School — Leverett Durkee, age 6.

The above scholars received a present each from the school committee for perfect attendance for the year.

Not absent or tardy for one term.

East School — Gertrude K. Weston, Helen H. Dodge, Hazel E. Weston, Sadie Dodge, Sadie Hinckley, Annie P. Carey, Elsie M. Morgan, Nettie E. Dorsett, Lester M. Whipple.

South Grammar School — Alice McGlauflin, Nellie Ramsdell, Lillian MGlauflin, Chester Gibson.

West School — Bertha B. Southwick, Albert W. Dodge.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

Gentlemen:—I have attended to the duty of truant officer in the case of two children being absent from school.

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, Truant Officer.

Hamilton, Feb. 19, 1897.

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

Gentlemen:—I have attended to the duty of truant officer in the case of one boy at West Hamilton, made three visits to golf grounds and eight visits to South school house.

LEWIS H. BRADSTREET, Truant Officer.

Hamilton, Feb. 19, 1897.

CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1896-7.

Fall term, (12 weeks), Opens August 31, 1896. Closes November 20, 1896.

Winter term, (14 weeks), Opens November 30, 1896. Closes March 12, 1897.

Spring term, (12 weeks), Opens March 29, 1897. Closes June 18, 1897.

No. of children in town, May 1, 1896, between the ages of 5 and 15, 209.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton:

The good degree of interest which has been manifested in the Public Library in former years has been maintained fully during the past year. That the people of the town appreciate their privileges is shown by the large number of volumes issued.

The delivery station established at South Hamilton has proved a great accommodation to the patrons of the library in that part of the town.

New shelves have been added to the library to accommodate the constantly increasing number of books. The capacity of the room is taxed to its uttermost, however, and the town must very soon provide more capacious quarters.

Owing to the small appropriation, (fifty dollars less than the previous year) a very small amount has been spent for new books; not enough to meet the demands of the patrons. Three-quarters of the sum appropriated was needed for necessary expenses, leaving only a small sum for additions to the library. The Trustees respectfully recommend that a much larger sum be appropriated for the coming year.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the receipt of sixteen bound volumes from Mr. M. K. Abbott, one from Miss

Meyer, one from Mr. George Haskell, two from Mrs. L. B. Dane, and one from the Ladies' Society of West Hamilton. A general summary may be found below:

Town appropriation,		$200 00

BILLS APPROVED FOR 1895-6.

I. A. Dunnels, delivery of books,	$9 00	
J. B. Phippen, express,	65	
E. L. Perley, binding,	16 45	
E. E. Clark, express,	5 50	
Little, Brown & Co., books,	38 51	
M. Taylor, catalogue,	15 00	
E. A. Mackintire, supplies,	1 00	
Library bureau, "	3 75	
Newcomb & Gauss, printing,	4 50	
		$94 36

BILLS APPROVED FOR 1896-7.

Rent and salary,	$100 00	
I. A. Dunnels, delivery of books,	13 00	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	4 50	
Little, Brown & Co., "	9 67	
W. H. Merrill, "	35 47	
E. L. Perley, binding,	6 70	
M. E. Woodbury, account of stock,	8 00	
M. T. Jewett, " " "	6 00	
Library bureau, supplies,	3 75	
F C. Trussell, stock and labor,	6 73	
		$193 82
Unexpended 1896-7,		$6 18

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS:

No. of books in library,	2,061
" " new books since March 1, 1896,	97
" " books issued during the year,	3,223
" " cards " " " "	69
" " " " to date,	591
" " " surrendered through death,	9

Amount of fines,	$2 10	
" brought forward,	77	$2 87
Paid for express,	80	
P. O. box rent,	50	1 30
On hand,		$1 57

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK V. WRIGHT,
AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER,
JESSE G. NICHOLS,
Trustees of Public Library.